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To whom it may concern:

Hello, I'm writing to the US Army Corps of Engineers. They're conducting an InterBasin Study on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River As part of this study the US Army Corps has said to evaluate a range of options and technologies to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species between the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes. In the earlier years two different speices of carps were found. The Silver Carp were discovered in the Ouachita River in Louisian in 1980. The bighead carp first appeared in the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in 1980's also. Now in 2011 these two speices, which are now reffered as Asian carp have invaded the Mississippi River Basin are on the doorsteps of the Great Lakes.

I think that the Asian Carp invastion is a terrible thing that is happening in the U.S.A right now. The Asian Carp could push out all native fish populations and become the domainant species. These Asian Carp feed at the bottom of the food chain which could have a dramatic effect. Do I think precaution is a good use of the taxpayers money? Yes I do think it's a good use

of taxpayer's money because the more indepth study the scientists do the more we'll be closer to stop the Asian Carp invastion. However, I would say no at the same time because scientists have been studying how the Asian Carp got so close to the Great Lakes and have been trying to figure out how to stop them from invading for a long time, and they still hasn't figored out away to stop the invastion. If this goes on for a longer period of time and the scienctists still don't figure out how to get rid of the Carp then it's just waste of taxpayer's money. I think the shipping canal connecting the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River should be closed because in further studies in has shown that the shipping canal is the way that the Asian Carps got into the Mississippi River and now are at the feet of the Great Lakes. So, if they close the shipping canal then the Asian Carp that are here will stay, until we find somehow to get them out of the area, and no more Carp will enter the area.

In conclusion, there are many benifets for time and money to just close the shipping canal before other species of carps start to arrive in the area, but before we close of the shipping canal all the Asian carp have to be out of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River. So, to just close off the shipping canal will be great for the scientists as well as the taxpayer's.

Sincerely,
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